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MINUTES OF THE 45th SENATE MEETING

January 12, 2025

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45th MEETING OF SENATE
JANUARY 12, 2025

AGENDA

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MANDI

Minutes of the 45th Senate Meeting of IIT Mandi held on January 12, 2025, at 10:30 hrs in the Board Room, North Campus, IIT Mandi, Kamand.

The following were present:

In the Chair

Prof. Laxmidhar Behera, Director, IIT Mandi.

Members:

Prof. Braj Bhushan, Dept. of HSS, IIT Kanpur.

Prof. Manoranjan Mishra, Dept. of Mathematics, IIT Ropar.

Prof. Subrata Ghosh, Professor, SCS & Chairperson SCS, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Chayan K. Nandi, Professor, SCS, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Satinder K. Sharma, Professor, SCEE & Co-ordinator, C4DFED, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Rajeev Kumar, Professor, SMME, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Rahul Vaish, Professor, SMME and Dean (Faculty) IIT Mandi.

Prof. Syed Abbas, Professor, SMSS and Dean (SRIC) IIT Mandi.

Prof. Manoj Thakur, Professor, SMSS, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Aniruddha Chakraborty, Professor, SCS & Dean (Academics) IIT Mandi

Prof. Tulika Srivastava, Professor, SBB & Chairperson SBB, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Rajendra Kr. Ray, Professor, SMSS, & Chairperson SMSS, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Venkata Krishnan, Professor, SCS, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Arnav Bhavsar, Professor, SCEE & Chairperson, IKSMHA, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Shubhajit Roy Chowdhury, Professor, SCEE & Chairperson, HCI, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Varun Dutt, Professor, SCEE & Dean (RG&AR), IIT Mandi.

Prof. Hiteshbhai Kantilal Shrimali, Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Shyam Kumar Masakapalli, Professor, SBB, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Aditi Halder, Professor, SCS & Co-ordinator, AMRC, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Ajay Soni, Professor, SPS, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Bindu Radhamany, Professor, SPS & Chairperson, SPS, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Hari Varma, Professor, SPS & Nominee SPS, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Atul Dhar, Professor, SMME, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Vishal S Chauhan, Professor, SMME, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Viswanath Balakrishnan, Professor, SMME & Dean (F&A), IIT Mandi.

Prof. Mohd. Talha, Professor, SMME, IIT Mandi.

Dr. Kumar Sambhav Pandey, Registrar & Secretary -Senate, IIT Mandi.

Dr. Tushar Jain, Dean (Students) & Head CCE, IIT Mandi.

Dr. Deepak Swami, Dean (I&S), IIT Mandi.

Dr. Suman Sigroha I/c, Chairperson, SHSS, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Atul Dhar I/c, Chairperson, SMME, IIT Mandi.

Dr. Amit Shukla, Chairperson, CAIR, IIT Mandi.

Dr. Kala Venkata Uday, Chairperson, C3DAR & Associate Professor, SCENE, IIT Mandi.

Dr. Rahul Shrestha, Associate Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi.

Dr. Kunal Ghosh, Associate Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi.

Dr. Satvasheel Ramesh Powar, Associate Professor, SMME, IIT Mandi.

Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Associate Professor, SMME, IIT Mandi.

Dr. Kasturi Prasad, Assistant Professor, SBB, IIT Mandi.

Dr. Manu V Devadevan, Associate Professor, SHSS, IIT Mandi.

Dr. Ashish Bollimbala, Assistant Professor (SoM), IIT Mandi.

Mr. Raju Goteti, Vice President, TCS.

Dr. Balvinder Singh, Vice President, Samsung Research.

Shri. Naresh Singh Bhandari, Deputy Librarian, IIT Mandi.

Shri Suresh K. Rohilla, DR (Academics), IIT Mandi.

Student Research Affairs Secretary, IIT Mandi. (Special Invitee).

Student PG Academic Secretary, IIT Mandi. (Special Invitee).

The following Senate members/invitees could not attend the meeting due to prior commitments:

Prof. Narayana Prasad Padhy, Dept. of Electrical Engineering, MNIT Jaipur.

Prof. Prem Felix Siril, Professor, SCS, IIT Mandi

Prof. Suman Kalyan Pal, Professor, SPS, IIT Mandi

Prof. Pradeep C. Parameswaran, Professor, SCS, IIT Mandi

Prof. Arti Kashyap, Professor, SPS & Dean (DCS) IIT Mandi

Prof. Anjan Swain, Professor, SoM & & Chairperson SoM, IIT Mandi.

Prof. C. S. Yadav, Professor, SPS & Chairperson, CQST, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Kaustav Mukherjee, Professor, SPS, IIT Mandi.

Dr. Aditya Nigam, Chairperson, SCEE, IIT Mandi.

Dr. Rajneesh Sharma, Chairperson, SCENE, IIT Mandi.

Dr. Maheshreddy Gade, Associate Dean (Research) & Associate Professor, SCENE, IIT Mandi.

Dr. Nitu Kumari, Associate Professor (SMSS), IIT Mandi.

Dr. Venkatesh Hanumant Rao Chembrolu, Associate Professor, IKSMHA, IIT Mandi.

Dr. Jagadeesh Kadiyam, Assistant Professor, CAIR, IIT Mandi.

Dr. P. Anil Kishan, Associate Dean (Courses), IIT Mandi.

Student General Secretary, IIT Mandi. (Special Invitee)

Student Academic Affairs Secretary, IIT Mandi. (Special Invitee)

The Chairman Senate extended a warm welcome to all the new Senate members and Invitees attending the 45th Senate meeting of the Institute.

Thereafter, the following agenda items were taken up.

Senate 45.1.0   PROCEDURAL

Senate 45.1.1   To confirm the minutes of the 44th Senate meeting held on September 17, 2024.

The minutes of the 44th Senate meeting held on September 17, 2024, were circulated to members of the Senate through email on September 27, 2024, for comments. No comments have been received on the minutes.

In view of the above, the Senate confirmed the minutes of the 44th Senate meeting.

Senate 45.1.2   To note the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the minutes of the previous meeting of the Senate.

The Senate noted the actions taken on the decisions taken in the 44th Senate meeting held on September 17, 2024.

Senate 45.2.0   STANDING AGENDA

Senate 45.2.1   To consider the proposal for Revision in the O&R for Ph.D./M.Tech./MS/MA(Research) Programme.

Prof. Aniruddha Chakraborty, Dean (Academics) presented the proposal for revision in the O&R (R.11b) for PhD and R.10 (b) of M.Tech./MS /MA(Research) programme. The Senate resolved to approve that, transfer of courses from IITs/IISERs/IISc/IIMs and Top 300 QS World Ranking Institutes/Semester Exchange/International MoU Partner Institutes can be recognized. Further, the senate resolved that the student may request for such transfer of credits to the respective School/Department, and the same will further be evaluated and recommended by the following committees:

Programme	Committee	Limit for transfer of courses
For UG Courses	Senate UG Standing Committee	Not more than 20% of the total credit requirement for degree programme
For PG Courses	Senate PG Standing Committee	Upto 50% of the total credit requirement for degree programme
For research programme		No restrictions
No course credits should be used for multiple degrees. All these credits should be earned by the students through offline courses only.		

Chairman Senate is authorized to constitute the above committees and to approve the received recommendations accordingly.

Senate 45.3.0   REGULAR AGENDA

Senate 45.3.1   To consider the proposal for the implementation of the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC).

Prof. Atul Dhar presented the proposal for the implementation of the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC). After discussion, the Senate approved the proposal with minor modifications as placed at **Annexure – A; Pages No. 8 and 9.**

Additionally, the Senate also advised to increase logistic requirements including giving extra manpower to the Academic Section to ensure the uploading of data on the ABC portal regularly. It was directed that all pending data should be uploaded on the ABC portal within the next six months. While transferring the courses from ABC, the norms approved in agenda item 45.2.1 (as mentioned in the minutes above) will be adhered to.

Senate 45.3.2   To consider a proposal regarding the Introduction of New Programmes.

Dr. Tushar Jain, Head CCE presented the proposal for the introduction of Executive M.Tech. and Integrated B.Voc-M.Voc programme and Prof. Manoj Thakur presented the proposal for an Executive MBA programme. After discussion, the Senate recommended the proposals for the approval of BoG as placed at **Annexure – B; Pages No. 10 to 27, Annexure – C; Pages No.28 to 31 and Annexure – D; Pages No. 32 to 38.**

Further, the Senate also advised that the Integrated B.Voc-M.Voc programme will be owned by the School of Humanities & Social Sciences.

Senate 45.3.3   The tenure of Senate Nominees of the Board of Governors (BoG) of the Institute.

The tenure of Senate Nominees of the Board of Governors (BoG) of the Institute concluded on December 31, 2024. The Senate approved the following Senate Nominees of the Board of Governors (BoG) for a period of two years w.e.f. January 01, 2025.

(i) Prof. Viswanath Balakrishnan, Professor, SMME.
(ii) Prof. Hitesh Shrimali, Professor, SCEE.

Senate 45.3.4   To consider the proposal of releasing the HTRA Scholarship to research scholars during internships etc.

Prof. Aniruddha Chakraborty presented the proposal for releasing the HTRA Scholarship to Ph.D. scholars during internship etc. After discussions, the Senate resolved to approve the following in order of priority:

(i) The scholarship may continue to be paid to the students during the period of the internship if they are either not receiving any financial assistance from the funding agency or receiving only minimal amount of financial assistance. The Dean (Academics) decision will be final for the continuation of such scholarship/fellowship.

(ii) The DORA will take responsibility to create a Benevolent Fund that will support the needy students in case where the HTRA scholarship is stopped, if not considered at (i) above.

(iii) If not considered as per (i) or (ii) above, the supervisor may support the needy student from his/her project funds, even if the needy student is not working on their project to the maximum possible extent within approved norms, with the approval of the Dean (SRIC).

The above provisions will only be followed in the case where absence is up to 06 Months only.

Senate 45.3.5   **To report decisions/actions taken by the Chairman, Senate.**

Noted.

Senate 45.4.0   **TABLE AGENDA**

Senate 45.4.1   **Additional agenda placed on the table with the permission of the Chairperson, if any.**

With the permission of the Chairman, the Senate discussed an additional agenda item:

(1) Proposal for modification for Credit assignment for internships:

In the 44th Senate meeting held on September 17, 2024, the Senate approved the proposal for credit assignment for internship. On the request of the Academic Secretary, Dr. Kala Venkata Uday briefed the minor modifications to the Senate, and the Senate resolved to approve that:

(i) **8th Semester on-site internships:** With the increasing demand and need from the industry, for onsite internships (staying out of campus) during the 8th semester. The companies feel that this will give a continued association with the selected students and give students also a good exposure to companies, profiles, and working culture. While details are requested to present in the next senate on the internship offers statistics, the current 8th-semester students can place their request through the proper channels and request Dean Academics for special approval.

(ii) **Online internship credits:** According to the last Senate meeting, the online internship was approved with 6 credits with the option of registering for 9 credit additional courses during the internship period. However, the students of the same batch who completed their internships in earlier semesters got 9 credits. The companies extended the offer in the 8th semester could not bring disparity in the credits for the same batch/class. Hence revising the internship credits to 6 to be effective from the 2022 batch and retain the 9 credits for the 2021 who already credited the online internship last semester.

       (iii) The provision of online 06 credits will be made applicable w.e.f. B.Tech. 2022 Batch onwards.

(2) **The Senate suggested Dean (Academics) to present on details of vacant seats for UG/PG programs in every Senate meeting with detailed demographics and known reasons for such vacant seats. The Senate will discuss further remedial measures to decrease the number of such vacant seats.**

Senate 45.5.0   **Issues to be discussed by the Senate without Student Members being present.**

    None

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair and to the Members.

Registrar & Secretary-Senate

Chairman, Senate